586-10th STREET
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

April 7th, 1943

Mrs. Effa Manley, president
Newark Eagles Baseball Club
71 Crawford Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Manley:

I tried to reach you on the telephone, to-day, but I couldn't get an answer to the ring.

I would very much like to have you visit West New York with your "Eagles", but I am not in a position to pay the terms you asked.

Not only is the recent decision at Washington a big blow to the members of the Negro National League, but, a blow to baseball in general. Baseball has a definite place in Wartimes and everything should be done for the operators to carry on and give entertainment to the Armed Forces as well as the general public.

I make this statement from the stories I hear from my friends in the service. Very soon I will be in uniform and I know I would like to see top-grade baseball.

However, I trust you and the other operators of the Negro National League might find some solution to carry on.

Although, the Brooklyn Dodgers sponsor the Jersey Dodgers' rookie team, we are not behind it financially. I spoke to the financial backers of the team about booking the Eagles for the 18th of April (one game) under your terms of $150.00 guarantee, with an option of 50% of the gross after federal taxes. I am advising these operators what the best attractions are for West New York, but the best they will offer is $125.00 guarantee, with an option of 40% of the gross, or, 50% of the gross without a guarantee. I know for a fact they are going to a lot of expense to put this promotion over. They have four newspapers on the payroll besides paying a percentage of the gross for the Stadium. They also flood Hudson County with Window Cards, and they mus pay union wages to distribute these cards.

I feel sure you will beat the guarantee at 40%. There is a bus going from Jersey City to West New York. You can come in from Trenton by bus to the Greyhound Station on the Boulevard in Jersey City, then take the West New York bus direct to 57th Street where Miller Stadium is located.

By taking this game, you will also help me put the sport over in West New York. The fans will come out if the attractions are of the best.

Please let me hear from you regarding this game by return mail if possible. If you accept the game I want to have enough time to push publicity. Please send the publicity and mats to LUD, sports editor, HUDSON DISPATCH, UNION CITY, N. J. if you accept the game. He will take care of all the other newspapers.

Sincerely,

A. B. Karam

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